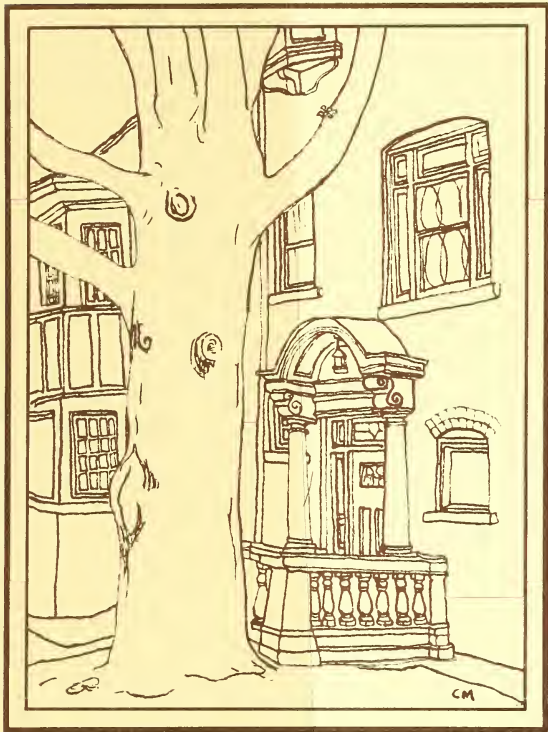
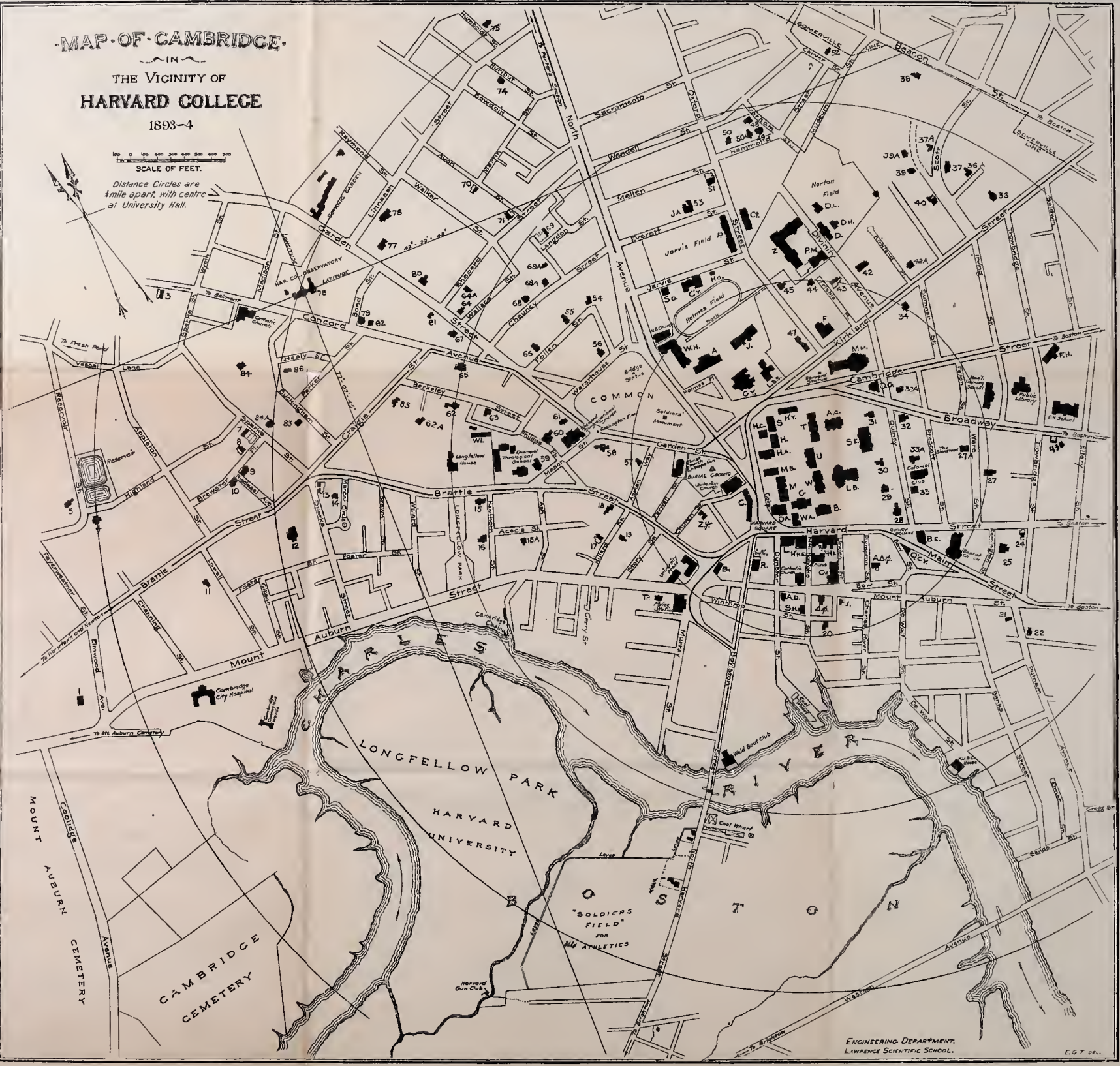


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HARVARD UNIVERSITY was founded in 1636, and it was granted a charter in 1650. The principal seat of the University is at Cambridge, close to Boston and reached by any Cambridge street car, marked Harvard Square. The *Medical School*, *Dental School* and the *School of Veterinary Medicine* are located in Boston, "to secure those advantages for clinical instruction and for the study of practical anatomy which are found only in large cities." The *Bussey Institution* was established in 1870 at Jamaica Plain, near Fort Hills station, for instruction in practical agriculture, and connected with it is the *Arnold Arboretum*, for instruction in tree culture, the whole forming a magnificent park, open to the public.

A young minister, John Harvard, died at Charlestown in 1638 and left to the college just forming his library of some three hundred volumes and one half his estate, about £700. This sum exceeded the aggregate of all other donations, and in grateful recognition the college was named Harvard. Though fostered by the State, it has been from the first a private, incorporated institution, supported in the main by students' fees and secondly by the income of permanent funds given by benevolent individuals. To-day its government is practically the same as it was in 1650, consisting of the corporation called "The President and Fellows of Harvard College" and the Board of 32 Overseers. The President and Fellows fill the vacancies in the corporation; the Overseers are elected by the alumni of the University. It has experienced a remarkable growth during the last dozen years especially, and it numbers at present 337 officers of instruction and 3,290 students.

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Elmwood—the Lowell Homestead was probably built as early as 1760, and in it Thomas Oliver, the last of the English Lieutenant-Governors, surrendered to the people. It was long the home of James Russell Lowell, the poet, who wrote here "The Biglow Papers." *Washington's Headquarters*, or *Longfellow Home*, is Cambridge's especial pride. It was built in 1739 by Colonel John Vassal. Washington established here his headquarters in 1775 and remained for eight months. Edward Everett and Joseph E. Worcester, the lexicographer, at one time dwelt here. In 1837 Henry M. Longfellow came to live in the house, and in 1843 he purchased it. Cambridge is rich in old residences and in reminiscences of historic persons and men famed in literature and the sciences.





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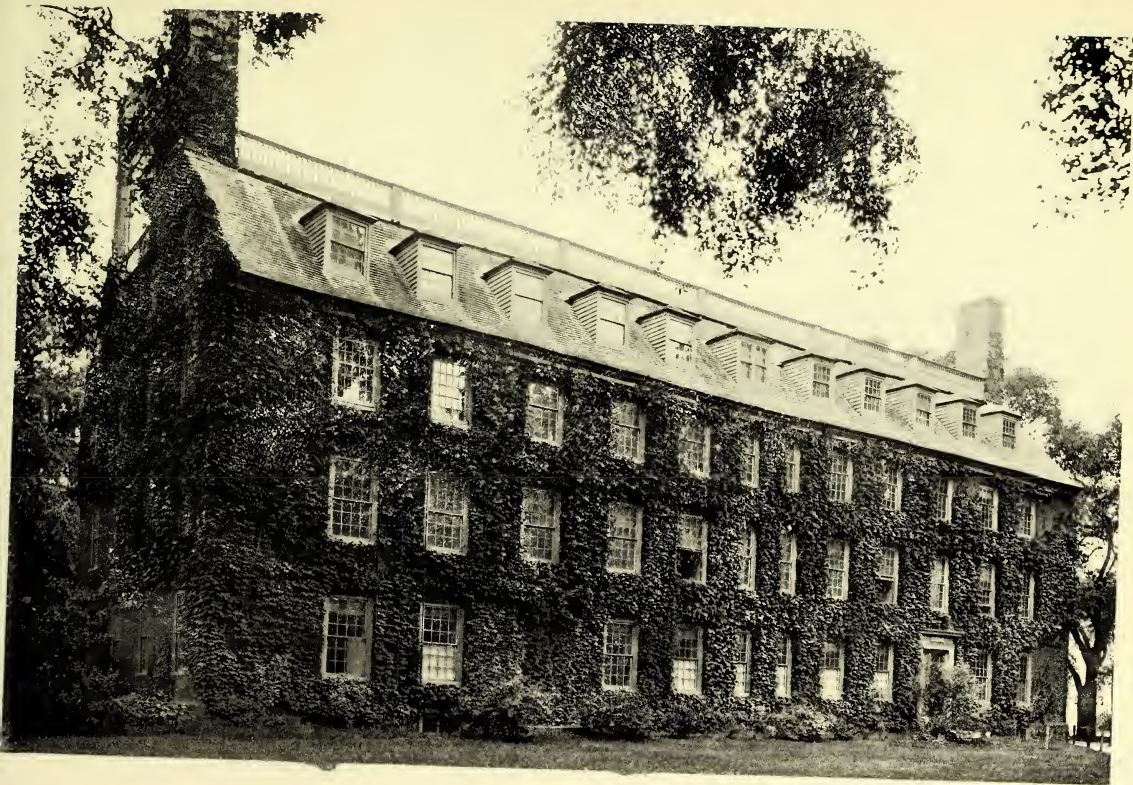
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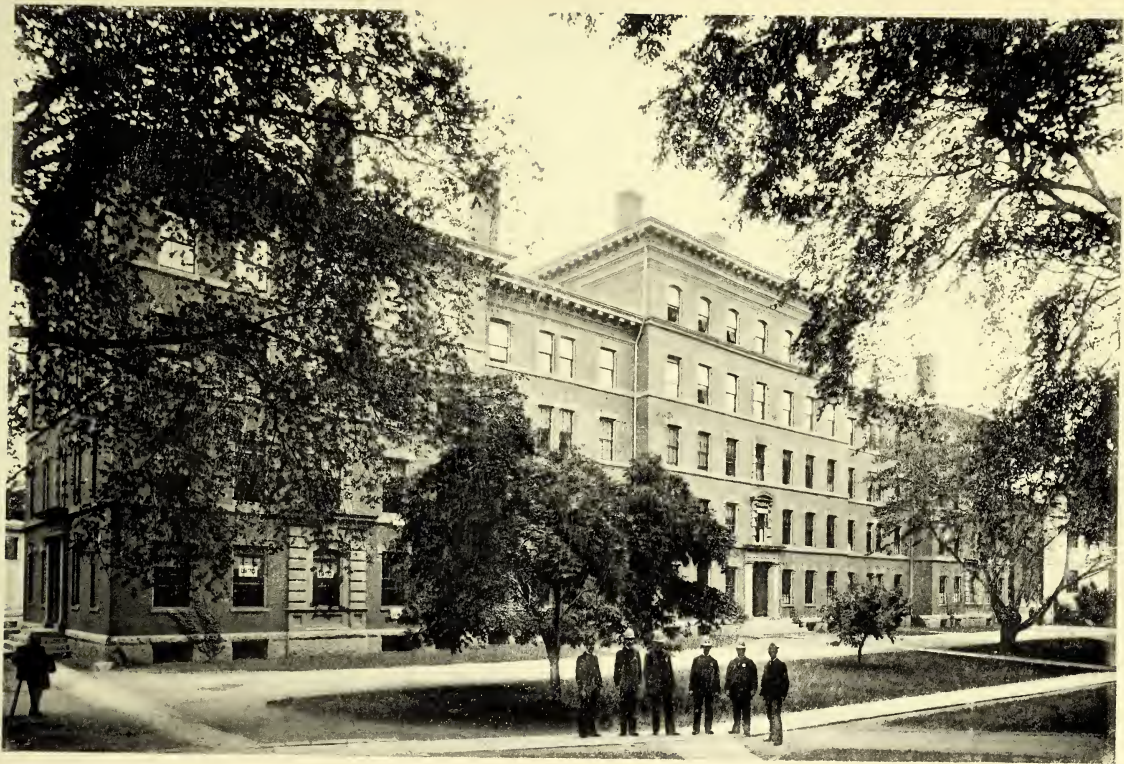
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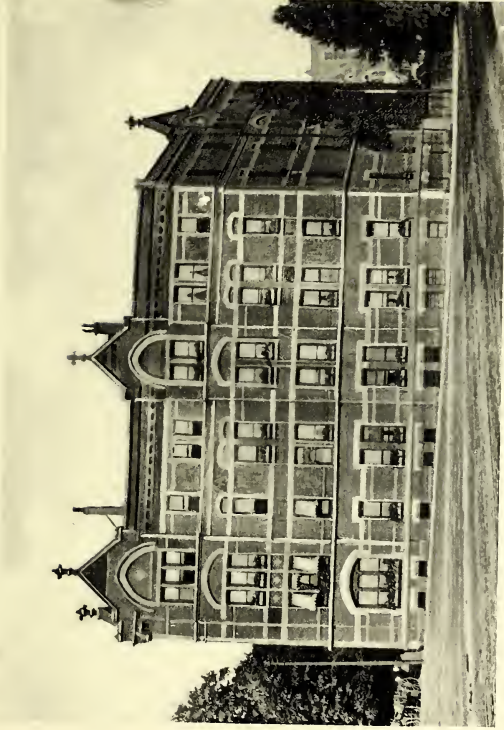
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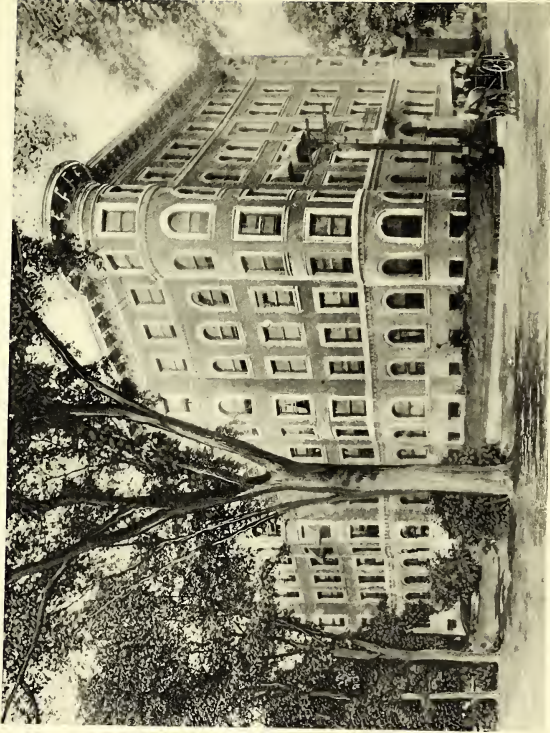
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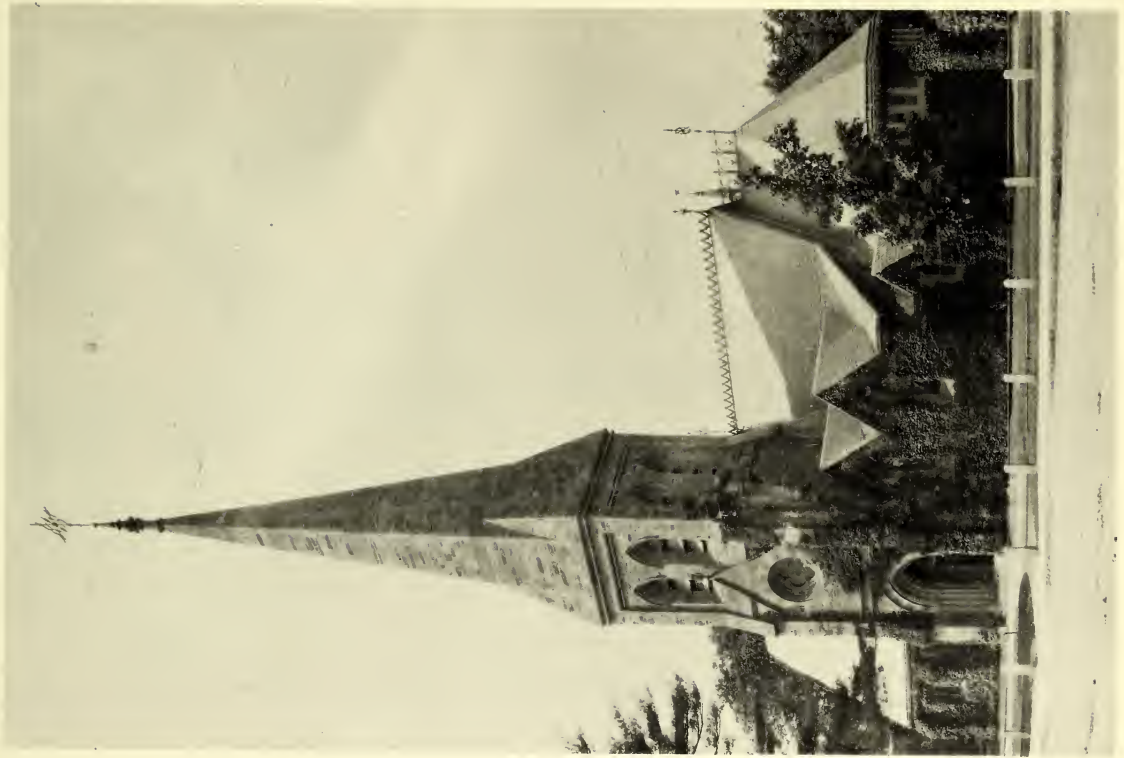


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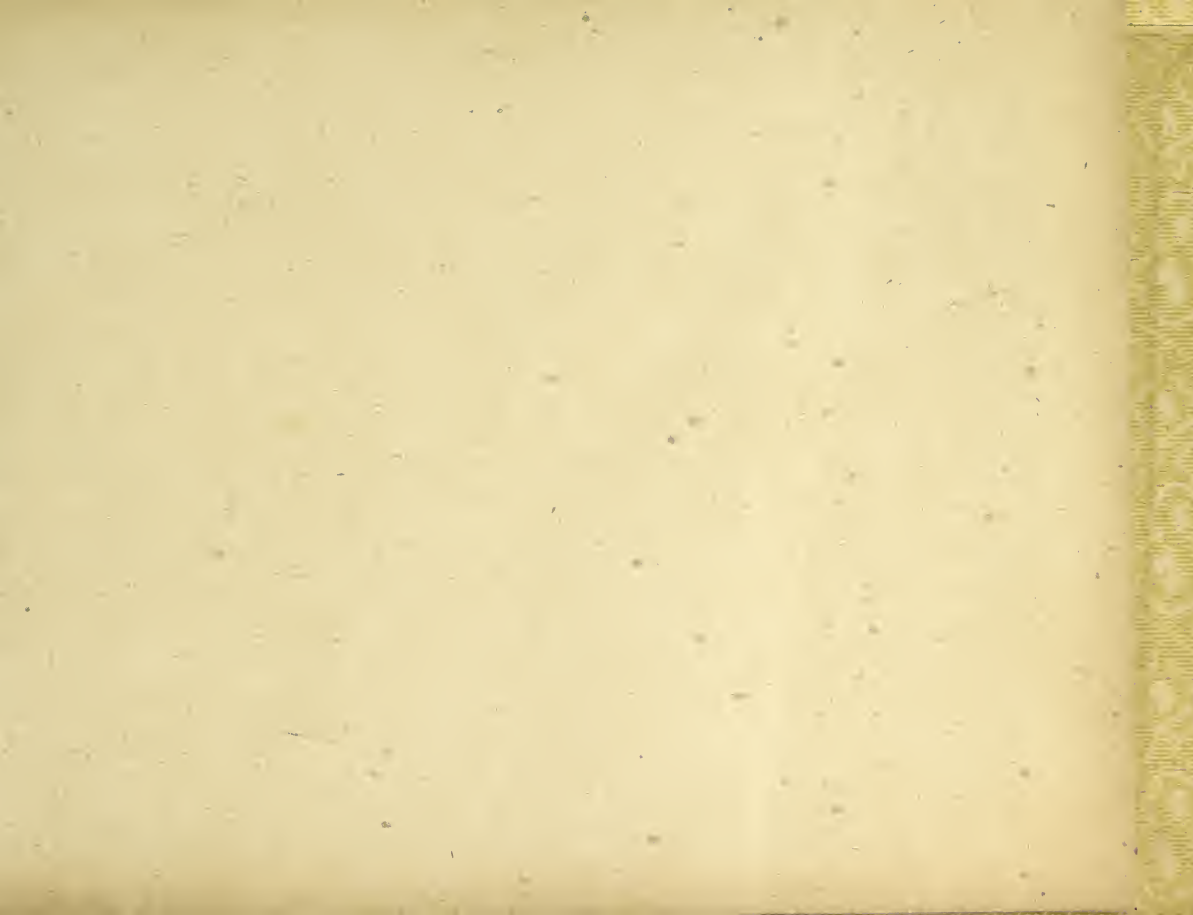


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A pretty and authentic story is told by an elderly woman of an episode in which Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes figured, some years ago, in connection with herself and a friend, who were both at that time school girls in New York City.

The day when compositions must be written was a terror to both of them, and with the calm daring which is so often found among quite young girls, they wrote to Dr. Holmes an artless request that he would write a composition for them, says Harper's Bazar. The letter was a joint production, written by the one and illustrated by the other, and evidently tickled the autocrat's fancy, for he answered it promptly. He did not write the composition, but he wrote them a genial and kindly letter, telling them that two girls who were clever enough to write such a note and enliven it with such drawings should have no difficulty in preparing compositions.

The letter is still a cherished possession of one of the partners in the prank, and she never wearies of telling the story and commenting upon the kind-heartedness of the busy and famous man who could find time to take such kindly notice of the letter of two madcap girls.

